India, a special enumeration procedure for areas having substantial presence of foreign nationals was followed in terms of which the District collectors of four identified Districts, viz. Purnea, Sahebganj, Katihar and Araria were, on the basis of verification done through the police/intelligence agencies or other authorities, not satisfied about 14887 persons being citizens of India and hence their names were not included in the draft electoral rolls.

Inquiry into Cartel of Automobile Tyre Manufacturers

451. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked MRTPC to inquire into the suspected cartel of automobile tyre manufacturers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Department of Company Affairs has made a reference under section 10(a) (ii) of the MRTP Act, 1969 to the MRTP Commission relating to collusive price behaviour by 4 major manufacturers of automobile tyres and tubes, viz MRF Ltd., Modi Rubber Ltd., Dunlop India Ltd., Ceat Tyres of India Ltd., and Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association. The Department of Company Affairs has further requested the MRTP Commission to serve notice of enquiry on such additional parties under the relevant MRTP Commission Regulations, as deemed necessary.

Cases before the single Bench

452. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated 27th January, 1993, captioned "2 lakh cases before a single Bench"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government is aware about the large pendency of cases in the Allahabad High Court. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects have been commended to all concerned State Governments/High Courts including the Allahabad High Court for necessary follow-up action. As per the decision taken in the law Ministers Conference held in October, 1992 at Bangalore, three working groups of the State law Ministers have been constituted to suggest measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Arrears Committee so as to expedite the disposal of pending cases in the Courts.

Identification of foreign nationals

453. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons identified as foreign nationals asked for after intensive checking District-wise; and

(b) what steps are being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND